Thursday, September 27, 2007

Health and Human Services RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 13

Subject: Approve execution of two contracts: (1) a 12-month Interlocal Agreement with the AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Austin, TX for Teen Parent Child Care services in an amount not to exceed \$149,644, with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed the \$149,644 per extension option for an estimated total agreement amount not to exceed \$598,576; and (2) a 12-month contract with GENERATIONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTERS, INC., Austin, TX for Teen Parent Child Care services in an amount not to exceed \$102,156 with three 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$102,156 per extension option for an estimated total contract amount not to exceed \$408,624.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$251,800 is available in Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget of Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department through the Community Development Block Grant. The initial period for the contracts will be October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008. Funding for the three extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Community Development Commission. Reviewed by the Child Care Council.

Prior Council Action: Approval of the 2007-2008 City of Austin Federal Action Plan, July 26, 2007.

Release of funds by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is subject to applicable environmental review in accordance with HUD requirements.

A Notice of Funding Availability was published in the Austin Chronicle on February 23 and March 2, 2007, and the Request for Applications was released on March 6, 2007, requesting competitive applications for the Teen Parent Child Care program. Three applications were received and scored. Austin Independent School District (AISD), Generations Child Development Centers (CDC), and Child, Inc. were recommended for Teen Parent Child Care program contracts. The \$30,000 Child, Inc. contract will be approved administratively since it is under the contract expenditure amount that requires City Council approval. Approval is being requested in this RCA for the AISD Interlocal and the Generations CDC contract.

Parents participating in the Teen Parent Child Care program must be low-income teenagers who are attending middle school or high school and who are city residents. Emphasis of the program will be placed on providing high-quality infant and toddler child care, parent training, and monitoring of teen parent attendance and performance in school.

Related Departmental Goal

Provision: Social Services – Promote and foster increased self-sufficiency, healthy behaviors, and lifestyle among targeted populations.

Performance Measures

Outputs

Number of children provided direct child care services (unduplicated): 57 (AISD = 33, Generations = 24) Number of teen parents provided parent education (unduplicated): 57 (AISD = 33, Generations = 24)

Outcomes (AISD and Generations)

Percent of clients satisfied with child care services: 85%

Percent of teen parents that successfully complete the high school semester: 75%